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## NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Discharges of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4 Permit)

Wednesday, April 30, 2003 – 9:00 a.m.\*  
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor  
Joe Serna/Cal/EPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento

On April 30, 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will consider the adoption of the Small MS4 Permit.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated regulations for permitting storm water discharges from industrial sites and from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) serving a population of 100,000 people or more. These regulations, known as the Phase I regulations, require operators of medium and large MS4s to obtain storm water permits.

On December 8, 1999, U.S. EPA promulgated regulations, known as Phase II, requiring permits for storm water discharges from regulated Small MS4s (i.e. those not covered under Phase I). Small MS4s include those operated by cities and counties and facilities owned by state and federal agencies.

The SWRCB is proposing to adopt one statewide general permit in light of the large number of Small MS4s. A public hearing on the General Permit was held on December 2, 2002.

As a result of comments received at the December 2, 2002 public hearing and the January 14, 2003 ruling by the federal 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of *Environmental Defense Center v. EPA*, the draft permit has been modified. A summary of these specific modifications is attached to this notice. The SWRCB will only accept comments on these modifications. In order for comments to be fully considered by the SWRCB, they must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2003.

\*This issue may not be heard immediately at 9:00 a.m., but may be delayed to consider an item(s) of a much shorter duration.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*

## **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

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The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

## **COMMENTS, REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION**

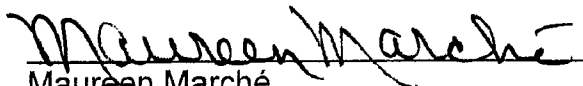
You may download a copy of the permit at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwtr/index.html> or request a hard copy by calling (916) 341-5539.

Submittal of comments and evidence regarding the modifications to the draft Small MS4 permit should be addressed to :

Ms. Jarma Bennett  
Division of Water Quality  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 1977, Sacramento, California, 95812-1977.

Comments and evidence may also be submitted by FAX to 916/341-5543 or via E-mail at [stormwater@swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@swrcb.ca.gov). Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2003.

Questions regarding the draft General Permit may be directed to the Municipal Storm Water Unit at 916/341-5539.

  
Maureen Marché  
Clerk to the Board

Date: March 20, 2003

Attachment